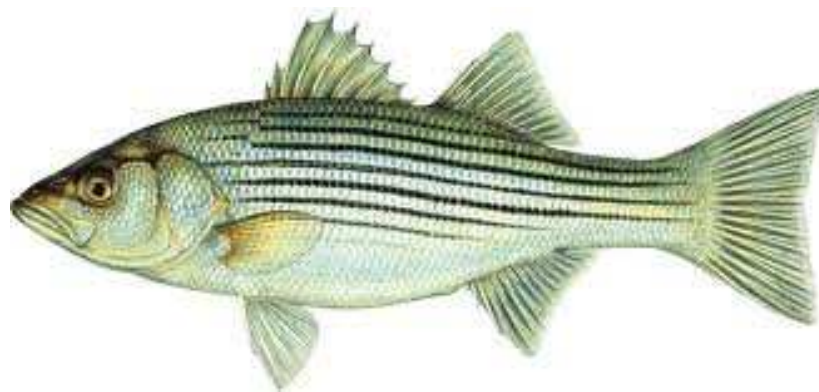


Commercial Striped Bass Industry Work Group Subcommittee Meeting



December 19, 2011

Meeting Agenda

- **Introduction to the subcommittee**
 - *Subcommittee membership*
 - *Goals of the subcommittee*
- **Management challenges facing the commercial striped bass fishery**
 - *Presentation of challenges facing striped bass management and stake holders*
 - *Open discussion of problems with the current management system*
- **Alternative management strategies that address industry and management concerns**
 - *Open discussion about options for changing the current management program to address the problems and concerns of managers and stakeholders*
- **Adjourn**

Membership

Industry Leaders

- **Billy Rice** **Chairman, Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission**
- **Larry Simns** **President, Maryland Waterman's Association**
- **Gibby Dean** **President, Chesapeake Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association**

Gear Representatives

Gill Net

- Bob Evans
- John Motovidlak

• Hook and Line

- Tom Ireland
- Ben Parks

• Pound Net

- Danny Beck
- Robert T. Brown



Subcommittee goals and objectives

Goal

- Develop an alternative management plan for the long-term sustainability of the Maryland striped bass commercial fishery

Objectives

- Develop a plan that keeps harvest within the quota
- Create an open process of cooperative development of fishery rules
- Create enforceable and understandable regulations
- Create fair and objective rules for allocation of total quota
- Increase economic efficiency
- Provide for strict accountability of harvesters

Challenges facing the management of the commercial striped bass fishery

- Allocation of commercial quota between gear sectors
 - Migration of permits across gear sectors
 - Activation of historically inactive permits through permit transfers
 - Conflicts between gear sectors and regional user groups
- Incentives for misreporting gear type use
 - Overlap of hook and line and pound net seasons
 - Hybrid management of quota across gear sectors:
 - Pound net managed on a season based allocation
 - Hook and line managed on a daily weekly catch limit

Challenges facing the management of the commercial striped bass fishery

- Illegal activities
 - Use of illegal gear types
 - Misreporting of tag use with the potential collusion of some check stations
 - Limited law enforcement capabilities
- Concerns about micromanagement
 - Considerable financial resources, time, and personnel are needed to operate the current system

Challenges facing the commercial striped bass industry

- Short seasons as quota is consumed
- Limited ability to acquire additional quota
 - Hook and line is limited to 1 permit allocations
 - Gill net is limited to 4 permit allocations
 - Pound net is limited to 5 permit allocations
- Low harvest price due to market gluts under current management strategy
- Lack of flexibility in participating in the different gear sectors



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Challenges facing the commercial striped bass industry

- Additional challenges facing the commercial striped bass industry:



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Ideas for alternative management strategies

- What about a pilot program?